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grants are accustomed to. The food supply seemed to be wholesome and abundant. The bathing facilities were rather limited, but doubtless ample for the wishes of the emigrant. In case of immediate necessity shower baths could easily be provided.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,

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*Report from Hamburg.*

HAMBURG, *February 19, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report for the week ended February 17, 1900:

The steamship *Pennsylvania* of the Hamburg-American Line, sailed on Sunday, the 11th, carrying 1,074 steerage passengers. For these passengers, 616 pieces of baggage were inspected and 220 were disinfected.

The steamship *Barcelona*, of the Union Line, sailed on Wednesday, the 14th, carrying 358 steerage passengers for the Hamburg-American Line. For these passengers 118 pieces of baggage were inspected and 59 were disinfected.

The steamship *Pretoria* was inspected with reference to steerage accommodations on Saturday, the 10th, preparatory to her sailing the next day. Bills of health were issued to 6 vessels in course of the week, all carrying cargo.

The number of cases of influenza officially reported for the week ended February 10 was 628. The number of deaths from diseases of the respiratory organs was 92, as against 56 for the preceding week and 42 for the week before that.

Respectfully,

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HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

*Plague at Kahului, Maui.*

HONOLULU, H. I., *February 13, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that bubonic plague was reported to be present in Kahului on the island Maui, on February 10.

Three undoubted and 2 suspicious cases were reported by special messenger from Kahului to the board of health at Honolulu. Dr. C. B. Wood, president of the board of health and Dr. Garvin at once left by special steamer to investigate the matter. Dr. Wood returned this morning, leaving Dr. Garvin at Kahului in charge of affairs. Dr. Wood states that clinical and bacteriological examination shows the cases to be undoubted plague of a malignant character. Seven cases in all are reported from January 30 to February 10, 1900. All of the cases occurred in the Chinese quarter, and are traced to a store where Chinese food stuffs imported from the Orient, via Honolulu, were sold. These food stuffs were received at Kahului in November, but were not opened until the Chinese New Year, about January 30. The town of Kahului was at once surrounded by a cordon, and the Chinese quarter destroyed by fire. The bodies of those dead of plague were burned.

The situation is well in hand and the disease may not spread. There are several large sugar plantations near Kahului and it is impossible to